



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:  
Hofstraat et al.

Application No.: 09/380,336

Examiner: G. Gabel

Filed: November 23, 1999

Group Art Unit:  
1641

For: Diagnostic Neodymium (III)  
Ytterbium (III) or Erbium (III)  
Ion-Ligand Complexes

**PETITION AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**(ONE MONTH)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time up to and including February 14, 2002 for the purposes of permitting the timely filing of a Notice of Appeal.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed herewith for the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account no. 50-0462 for any additional fees associated with this response and/or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0462.

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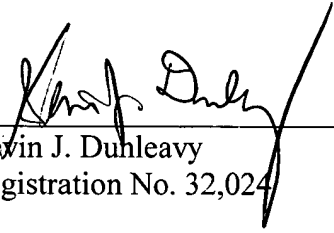
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